

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 15, Project Bioshield Act.

The House agreed to the conference report on S. Con. Res. 95, Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY05.

House Committees ordered reported 18 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5729–5892

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2438–2450, and S. Res. 365. **Page S5799**

Measures Passed:

Project Bioshield Act: By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 99), S. 15, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections and countermeasures against chemical, radiological, or nuclear agents that may be used in a terrorist attack against the United States by giving the National Institutes of Health contracting flexibility, infrastructure improvements, and expediting the scientific peer review process, and streamlining the Food and Drug Administration approval process of countermeasures, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5744–5767**

Gregg/Kennedy Amendment No. 3178, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5762–66**

Gregg/Kennedy Amendment No. 3180, to amend the title. **Page S5767**

Federal Highway Reauthorization: Senate passed H.R. 3550, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1072, Senate companion measure, as passed the Senate on February 12, 2004, and after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5838**

Frist (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 3219, providing for the use of State funds for projects to protect existing roadways from anticipated flooding of a closed basin lake. **Page S5838**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Page S5838**

Albuquerque Biological Park Title Clarification Act: Senate passed S. 213, to clear title to certain real property in New Mexico associated with the Middle Rio Grande Project, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Page S5839**

Fort Donelson National Battlefield Expansion Act: Senate passed S. 524, to expand the boundaries of the Fort Donelson National Battlefield to authorize the acquisition and interpretation of lands associated with the campaign that resulted in the capture of the fort in 1862, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5839–40**

Kendrick Project Wyoming Act: Senate passed S. 943, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the storage of the city's water in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5840–41**

Hawaii Water Resources Act: Senate passed S. 960, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize certain projects in the State of Hawaii and to amend the Hawaii Water Resources Act of 2000 to modify the water resources study, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Page S5841**

Recreational Fee Authority Act: Senate passed S. 1107, to enhance the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program for the National Park Service, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S5841–42**

Barry and Stone Counties Missouri Act: Senate passed S. 1167, to resolve the boundary conflicts in Barry and Stone Counties in the State of Missouri, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5842–44**

Salt Cedar Control Demonstration Act: Senate passed S. 1516, to further the purposes of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 by directing the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to carry out an assessment and demonstration program to control salt cedar and Russian olive, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5844–45**

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act: Senate passed S. 1576, to revise the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. **Page S5845**

Hydroelectric Project Deadline Extension: Senate passed S. 1577, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming. **Pages S5845–46**

Oregon Land Conveyance: Senate passed S. 1848, to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell the Bend Pine Nursery Administration Site in the State of Oregon, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5846**

Frist (for Domenici) Amendment No. 3216, to make a technical correction. **Page S5846**

National Park System Laws Technical Amendments Act: Senate passed S. 2178, to make technical corrections to laws relating to certain units of the National Park System and to National Park programs. **Pages S5846–47**

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore: Senate passed H.R. 408, to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S5847**

Cibola National Wildlife Refuge: Senate passed H.R. 417, to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5847**

Frist (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3217, to adjust the boundaries of Green Mountain National Forest. **Page S5847**

California National Forest Land Conveyance: Senate passed H.R. 708, to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for

the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S5847**

Texas Water Control Project: Senate passed H.R. 856, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S5847**

Irvine Basin Surface and Groundwater Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 1598, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to reauthorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S5847–48**

Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance: Senate passed H.R. 3505, to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to specify the recipients and consideration for conveyance of the Bend Pine Nursery, clearing the measure for the President.

Brown v. Board of Education Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 414, expressing the sense of the Congress that, as Congress recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education decision, all Americans are encouraged to observe this anniversary with a commitment to continuing and building on the legacy of Brown, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5848**

Taxpayer Protection and I.R.S. Accountability Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1528, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect taxpayers and ensure accountability of the Internal Revenue Service, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 882, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5848–91**

Frist (for Grassley/Baucus) Amendment No. 3218, to provide for a manager's amendment. **Page S5891**

Subsequently, S. 882 was returned to the Senate calendar. **Page S5891**

Department of Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2400, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for

such fiscal year for the Armed Services, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Domenici Amendment No. 3192, to accelerate the removal or security of fissile materials, radiological materials, and related equipment at vulnerable sites worldwide.

Pages S5771–74

Warner/Levin Amendment No. 3205, to correct the characterization of the funding authority for up-armored high mobility multi-purposed wheeled vehicles and wheeled vehicle ballistic add-on armor protection.

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Warner Amendment No. 3206, to correct a funding discrepancy.

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Warner Amendment No. 3207, to make a technical correction relating to military construction.

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Warner Amendment No. 3208, to make a technical correction to a cross reference in title 10, United States Code.

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Warner/Levin Amendment No. 3209, to provide for continuation of part-time or intermittent home health care benefits during transition to the sub-acute care program.

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Warner/Levin Amendment No. 3210, to provide temporary authority for waiver of collection of payments due for CHAMPUS benefits received by disabled persons unaware of loss of CHAMPUS eligibility and continuation of such benefits.

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Warner (for Allard) Amendment No. 3211, to improve section 3120, relating to local stakeholder organizations for Department of Energy Environmental Management 2006 closure sites.

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Levin (for Byrd) Amendment No. 3212, to require an increase in the size of the defense acquisition and support workforce during fiscal years 2005, 2006, and 2007.

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Warner (for Domenici/Bingaman) Amendment No. 3169, to provide a substitute for section 3144, relating to support for public education in the vicinity of Los Alamos National Laboratory, New Mexico.

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Levin (for Reed) Amendment No. 3213, to clarify the programs of the service academies that may be subject to uniform funding and management.

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Warner (for Sessions) Amendment No. 3214, to authorize the exchange of land at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

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Levin (for Sarbanes/Mikulski) Amendment No. 3215, to authorize a land conveyance, Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Maryland.

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Warner (for Coleman) Amendment No. 3165, to require a study of establishment of mobilization sta-

tion at Camp Ripley National Guard Training Center, Little Falls, Minnesota.

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Rejected:

By 37 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No.100), Kyl/Cornyn Modified Amendment No. 3191, to express the sense of the Senate regarding legislation to impose an excise tax on tobacco lawyer's fees that exceed \$20,000 per hour in order to increase funding for equipment for the United States Armed Forces.

Pages S5767–68, S5774–84

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 101), Lautenberg Modified Amendment No. 3151, to clarify the application of Presidential action under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, May 20, 2004.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Measures Read First Time:

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Executive Communications:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authority for Committees to Meet:

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Privilege of the Floor:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—101)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:21 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, May 20, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5891.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to provide children with increased access to food and nutrition assistance, to simplify program operations and improve program management, and to reauthorize child nutrition programs.